GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee on Labour in its Report No.11 of 2001 has pointed out stagnation in creating additional employment generation, particularly for the educated youths;

(b) whether the quantum of unemployment has increased from one plan period to the other;

(c) whether the Government would achieve its goal of reducing unemployment to a negligible proportion by 2002;

(d) whether any action has been taken to improve upon the skill training and education to create job opportunities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

a): Yes, Sir.

b): As per the quinquennial sample surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation, estimated number of openly unemployed in the country which was of the order of 7.5 million in 1993-94 has gone up to 9.0 million in 1999-2000.

c) :No, Sir.

d) & e): Improvement in the skill training of the work force is a continuous process. Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) introduce new Trades from time to time and discontinue the obsolete ones to keep pace with the changing pattern of demand for the skill in the Labour Market. Ministry of Labour has launched a special drive to expand vocational training facilities in the country by utilizing the available infrastructural facilities in recognized schools, polytechnics etc. in second shift.